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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GOOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

WEAVER STATION BAPTIST CHURCH,

CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 20th and 21st, 1886.

OFFICERS:

ABNER WILLIAMS, MODERATOR.....	Oxford, Ala.
LEALIS LAW, CLERK.....	Cropwell, Ala.
JAMES S. KELLY, TREASURER.....	Oxford, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with the Refuge Church, two miles north of Lincoln, on Ga. Pac. Ry., Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1887.

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PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Officers : Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats.
6. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
7. Call for Correspondence from Associations.
8. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
9. Report on State Missions.
10. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers Fund.
11. Report on Bible Work and Colportage.
12. Appoint Committee on Finance.
13. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Adjourn

SECOND DAY.

16. Devotional Exercises.
17. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
18. Miscellaneous Business.
19. Report on Home Missions.
20. Report on Foreign Missions.
21. Report on Ministerial Education.
22. Report on Education, Male and Female.
23. Report on Temperance.
24. Report on Evangelization of Colored People.
25. Report on Sabbath Schools.
26. Miscellaneous Business.
27. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.

28. Devotional Exercises.
29. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
30. Report on Family Religion.
31. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
32. Return Correspondence to Associations : Shelby, Cahaba Valley,
Boiling Spring, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallassahatchie and
Ten Islands, Unity.
33. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention, (ten.)
34. Report of Committee on Finance.
35. Report of Treasurer of Association.
36. Appoint time and place for next Session.
37. Appoint Preacher and Alternate for next Introductory Sermon.
38. Order Clerk's Salary paid, and 1000 Minutes printed.
39. Appoint Committees to report next Session :
On State Missions,
" Home Missions,
" Foreign Mission,
" Ministerial Education,
" Education, Male and Female,
" Temperance,
" Sabbath Schools,
" Bible Work and Colportage,
" Family Religion,
" Evangelization of Colored People.
40. Miscellaneous Business.
41. Read Minutes of this day's business.
42. Adjourn *sine die*.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist churches, which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. *Provided*, that the non-election of Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association cannot rule, but may advise the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church in disorder in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers; and the Association, in each case, is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members, or less, shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit, and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations, for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the the Association.

ART. X. This Constitution, or any Article may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present. *Provided*, such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote, except in case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member, when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator, it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated; but a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases, two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided, a member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator.

—»MINUTES.«—

WEAVER STATION BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 18th, A. D. 1886.

Messengers to compose the Fifty-third Annual Session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met this day with the Weaver Station Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Alabama.

In the absence of the Principal, J. J. D. Renfroe and of the Alternate, J. C. Wright, chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon; G. A. Nunnally of Eufaula, Alabama, agent for Endowment of Howard College, was requested to preach the Introductory Sermon; with which request he complied—Text "We would see Jesus"—John 12:21—presenting to the Association in a very clear and forcible manner, the blessed results of living near to and daily seeing Jesus.

Intermission of one hour.

1:30 P. M.

Reassembled to organize—Devotional Exercises conducted by Abner Williams, Moderator.

The letters from the churches were read by T. W. Ayers and T. M. Draper, members of this Association; and J. B. Graham, of the Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands Association.

Messengers enrolled :

FIRST DISTRICT.

Cold Water Church.—C. H. Lesley, L. T. Grogan and Geo. F. Mattison.

Sulphur Springs.—Jesse Vincent, H. L. Stokes, Alvey Griffin and J. C. Griffin.

Antioch.—G. W. Manning and J. L. Jenkins.

Salem.—J. M. Haynes, A. M. Hinds, J. S. Haynes and J. F. Haynes.

Oxford.—Abner Williams, T. P. Gwin, J. C. Wright, J. M. Stephenson, T. M. Draper and J. F. Graham.

Jacksonville.—Thos. War, James Nunnally, E. N. Weaver and Kirby Woodruff.

Post Oak Spring.—Simon Lankford, H. J. Cross, D. P. Sewell, M. Driscoll, H. C. Weaver and Z. T. Weaver.

Mt. Zion (Calkoun Co.)—W. S. Griffin, W. P. Cooper, S. H. Crook, W. D. Bush, J. B. Ferguson and V. L. Weir.

Oak Bowery.—Geo. D. Harris, L. C. Coker, T. J. Jones and N. J. Belton.

Cane Creek.—Thos. H. Clements and G. W. S. Lloyd.

Munford.—W. D. Wright, J. H. Pope, B. W. Mattison and J. D. Wright.

Weaver Station.—D. F. Weaver, R. P. Weaver, W. H. Fleming, H. L. Johnson and A. J. West.

Anniston.—E. T. Smyth, Wm. H. Jeffers, T. W. Ayers and W. L. Hill.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Blue Eye.—A. W. Bell and J. W. Deveneau.

Taladega.—J. J. D. Renne and S. D. Kyser.

Ferryville.—T. J. Kilgroe.

Refuge.—Wm. F. McCann, J. B. Hall, Allen Hutto, and Thomas Hackney.

Pleasant Grove.—Wiley Ogletree, D. H. Thweatt and A. H. Yearwood.

Alpine.—Riley Thompson, V. R. Thompson, A. D. Bell and Samuel W. Welch.

Hephzibah.—Wm. A. Hawkins, J. W. Bowman, J. B. Stapp, W. B. Hentley and Allen F. Jones.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Fort Williams.—L. F. Williams and L. A. Daniel.

Pilgrims Rest.—Letter.

Talassahatche.—Wm. H. Wooden and J. C. McMillan.

Childersburg.—Thomas Coleman and Wm. P. Glazener.

Mt. Zion (Talladega Co.)—W. Wilkes, Wm. H. Malone, G. S. Ham and J. A. Peters.

Rocky Mount.—J. Owens and T. W. White.

Winterboro.—J. M. Solley, Ira Rhodes, John Moore and B. F. Moore.

Mount Sharon.—W. J. Smith, R. C. Wood and H. J. Coleman.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Harpersville.—J. B. Figue.

Macedonia.—J. B. Davis.

Spring Creek.—W. W. Kidd and James S. Elliott.

Coosa Valley.—L. Law, N. Willingham and Jesse J. Willingham.

Wilsonville.—J. F. Pope.

On motion of E. T. Smyth, the former officers were elected by acclamation, viz:

Abner Williams, Moderator.

Lealis Law, Clerk.

James S. Kelly, Treasurer.

The programme of business of last session, with slight amendment, was adopted for the present session.

An invitation to visiting ministers to seats in the body was responded to by :

A. G. Nunnally, agent for Endowment of Howard College.
 W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec'y of State Mission Board.
 J. J. D. Renfroe, Editor of ALABAMA BAPTIST.
 M. H. Lane, Georgia Baptist Convention.
 Thompson Reed, Tallassahatchie Association.

Invitation to churches to join this Association was responded to by messengers with letters from Ironaton and Renfroe Churches, recently organized.

From Ironaton, Thos. M. Freeman, Wm. Murphy and H. W. Sumner.

From Renfroe, W. J. Freeman, John Thackerson and Geo. Carr.

The messengers receiving from the Moderator the right hand of fellowship, and the churches received as members of this body.

Correspondents from Sister Associations were invited to seats, and responded as follows :

From Shelby Association—C. W. O'Hara and W. J. Elliott.

Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands—J. B. Graham and J. W. Dukes.

Boiling Springs—J. M. Barrett.

Appointed correspondents :

To Shelby Association—J. F. Pope, J. W. Deveneau and Sam'l W. Welch.

Cahaba Valley—J. B. Davis and L. Law.

Boiling Springs—D. P. Williams, Abner Williams and J. M. Stephenson.

Casey—W. Wilkes.

Central—W. Wilkes and J. J. D. Renfroe.

Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands—E. F. Smith, W. S. Griffin, J. S. Kelly, J. F. Graham, J. J. D. Renfroe, L. T. Grogan.

Unity—W. Wilkes and L. A. Daniel.

Messengers to State Convention—W. Wilkes, J. C. Wright, E. T. Smyth, W. S. Griffin, T. W. Ayers, J. W. Dev-eneau, J. H. Pope, L. Law, J. S. Kelly, W. S. Henderson, A. W. Bell, S. W. Welch; and as Alternates, any members of this body who may be present at that meeting.

Committee on Finance appointed—J. F. Pope, S. D. Ky-ser and Sam'l W. Welch.

Committee on Public Worship—A. W. Bell, G. S. Ham, Pastor and Deacons of Weaver Station church.

The Committee on Family Religion reported:

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

There can be no better evidence of genuine christianity than that of living out our religion at home in the family circle, nor is there a place in the great moral vineyard where so much can be done for good, as in our own private home. How little we realize that our children are blanks to be filled out by us. It is here that the first and most lasting impressions are made upon the young and innocent minds of children, and here it is, that our posterity get a send off, either in the direction of immortality and unending happiness, or into the road that will finally lead them to misery and destruction. Solomon has said, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." When we live out our religion at home, then it is that we are training our children in the way they should go. If we honor God he has promised to honor us. How could we more effectually honor him, than by daily performing the duties laid down in his holy Word. But few children will continually, and finally trample the overtures of mercy under their feet, who have been reared under continued and daily religious influences. We have God's word for it that they will not, and his word is truth. It is a sad truth that we often fail to see the beauties in religious training, because we do not practice the duties laid down in God's word. Oh! What is more elevating than family religion acted out in unmistakeable terms every day. It makes the father loving and more sympathetic towards his family; it hushes into silence angry passions, which if let alone might be kindled into a destructive flame. It makes the mother gather the little ones into her private closet, and there placing her hands upon their yet innocent heads, invoke the blessings of Him who doeth all things well, upon her dear offspring. It makes the father, the mother and the children, as they go out to fight the great battle of life, exemplify in such unmistakeable terms the religion of Jesus, that the world are constrained to say that there is a reality in that we profess.

Living for our children is one of the greatest concerns of this life. Then as family religion promises so much, let us as we grow older, grow more vigilant in that service which will at the final great day bring to us and ours that happiness which God promises shall remain forever.

D. F. WEAVER, Ch'n.

Report was adopted.

Hours for business of the body—9 A. M. to 12 M. 1 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion, Brother Abner Williams, Moderator, was appointed to address the Baptist Sabbath School, at Weaver's Station on Sabbath 10 A. M.

A collection was ordered to be taken for Missions after public worship on Sabbath, in the Baptist and Methodist churches.

The body then adjourned to Monday 9 A. M. Prayer by M. H. Lane.

MONDAY, Sept. 20, 1886—9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Wm. F. McCain.

Minutes of Saturday's session read and approved.

Ordered, that the collections taken on Sabbath be equally divided among Home, Foreign and State Missions.

On Motion of W. Wilkes,

Resolved, That this Association learns with great pleasure that Rev. J. D. Renfroe, D. D., has become Editor-in-chief of the Alabama Baptist.

Resolved, That we renew our pledges with intensified interest for the support of our State Organ.

The body was then addressed by J. J. D. Renfroe, in reference to the interests of the Alabama Baptist, and the resolutions adopted.

Sam'l W. Welch, in behalf of Alpine church, made a verbal statement of the status of the Jenkins Fund, of which fund the Alpine church is the fiduciary agent; a part of the fund has been lost by the failure of parties to whom it was loaned; and he gave the legal and moral reasons why said church, as fiduciary agent of said fund, was not responsible for said failure, nor for the failure to remit to this session of the Association the interest accruing on that part of the fund.

On motion of E. T. Smyth, the regular order of business was suspended, and the hour allotted to reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

The Committee on State Missions reported:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Under the indefatigable labors of Rev. W. B. Crumpton, our present Financial Secretary, our State Mission work has moved forward in a way that has given general satisfaction to our brethren throughout the State. The calls upon the State Mission Board for help have been as numerous, perhaps, as ever before, the demands as urgent, and the objects as deserving, but amid the perplexity, we believe that the Board has ever made a judicious discrimination in its appropriations. Increasing demands are being made upon the board every year, and just how to meet these demands, is a problem which practically remains unsolved.

The scriptural plan of systematic benevolence may become a practical solution of the difficulty. The provisions of that plan, we believe, are sufficient to meet all the demands of the church. What we need specially at present, is not so much to increase the amount contributed by the few who already contribute systematically, as to increase the number of contributors. How to reach every member of every church, and secure contributions proportionate to his ability is the great problem. Hitherto, religious enterprises have been mainly sustained by a few compared with the whole number.

The Divine Law given in 1st. Cor. 16:2 exempts no one, but lays the duty upon every one. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." If this broad scriptural plan of each one giving according to his ability, at stated periods, was adopted by all our churches little complaint would be made by our Boards for want of funds to carry on our denominational enterprises. There may be difficulties in the way of its immediate and universal, or even general adoption. But what great enterprise ever succeeded without overcoming difficulties? Let this Association adopt some system based upon the plain scriptural teachings upon this subject, and unitedly work for its adoption by all our churches, and the years will not be many until the great mass of our people will take hold of it as the easy and practical solution of what is now a great unsolved problem. Your committee would most respectfully recommend the use of envelopes, as prepared by the Secretary of our State Mission Board, in making their collections for the objects fostered by our denomination. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, That we recommend to all the churches composing this Association, the plan of taking up collections in their churches quarterly, and that an earnest effort be made to secure a contribution from every member of every church, even though it be very small.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMYTH, Ch'n.

Report laid on the table.

Committee on Home Missions reported :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This is unquestionably one of the most important fields for the Christian labors of the Baptist churches of Christ, embracing as it does the Southern States and Territories adjacent, the Indian Territories and Cuba. Believing as we do that the Baptist church embodies the principles and practices of Christ's teachings, it behooves us to disseminate these truths throughout the ultimate limits of our influence.

As to the field—the Indian appears to be our special heritage, in the sense of caring for his soul. God, it is evident, has placed us originally in his land and home, we have forced him off on the frontier, we have taken

his possessions, we should do what we can for the salvation of his soul. As regards the work in the Southern States, it is confined more especially to the larger cities; while cities are the centers of commerce, finance and education, they are also the centers of vice and immorality—points to which converge, as rays from various quarters of the earth, a class of people if not vicious, strongly opposed to the faith as once delivered to the saints; and the present tidal wave of emigration is bearing an immense amount of drift from foreign shores, strongly Roman Catholic, which threatens to out number, and soon control the religious institutions of many of the larger cities in our country. In some of the Northern cities, they are in open opposition to the use of the Holy Bible in the public schools, on the same line that they buried God's word from the eye of the world in the dark ages—can we, will we stand this? As to the immense power of the "man of sin," in the city of New Orleans, out of a population of 252,000 inhabitants only 12,000 are Protestants, leaving it is supposed 240,000 Catholics. This is an alarming showing for one of our own cities.

The Board of Home Mission is doing all in its power circumscribed as it is by limited means. The past year 250 men have been in this work; 3812 baptized; \$90,000 expended. Alabama is asked for only 5,000. Let us understand the magnitude of this work, and do our entire duty.

GEO. D. HARRIS, Ch'n.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We recognize with devout thanksgiving that the good hand of God has been with our work through another year in foreign fields. Fifty-six laborers have been on the field, and two others, brethren McCormick and Wilson have been sent out during the year. The labors of our Foreign Missionaries have been greatly blessed. Over two hundred have been added to the churches during the past year, making a total membership on the foreign field of 1,428. Much has been done which can not be represented by figures, and there are many grand results known only to God.

At no period in the past could it be more truly said: The fields are white unto the harvests, the harvest is great, and the laborers are few. Our government and commercial relations are such with all nations, that the missionary now has liberty to preach the Gospel to all nations. Foreign Missions are the Koorinor, the gem of Missions. They are the driving-wheel of missions. And if our desires do not reach to the "regions beyond," and drive us to a deep interest in them, then our desires are too weak to do any good at home.

If the sun lights and warms our earth, then does it not light and warm each planet between our earth and the sun? So if our charity will reach to, and warm the remotest heathern, then, will it not reach to, and warm all between us and the remotest heathern? But if our benevolence is not strong enough to reach, and light, and warm the remotest heathern, then it will be too weak to do any good at home, and it will never reach the regions beyond.

God has set his heart on this mission. Christ's command in the commission is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." God is now loudly calling his people by his providence to go up and possess the land. He is now calling upon every one to become a co-worker with him in this the greatest of all enterprises: The conversion of the world to Christ.

From all hearts let earnest and united prayers go up for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon this work. Let us enlarge our gifts, and consecrate our time, talent and all to Christ's great work.

J. C. WRIGHT, Ch'n.

The Association was then addressed by W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board, and G. A. Nunnally, Agent for Endowment of Howard College, on the purposes, plans, and claims of the Mission Boards.

The several reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were then adopted.

The Committee on Education (male and female) reported :

REPORT ON EDUCATION, MALE AND FEMALE.

While it is pleasing beyond measure to us, to see the cause of education advancing in this country in all departments of useful life ; to see the public school interest growing, and colleges, high schools, and universities prospering under State direction ; and independent and select schools and colleges making gratifying headway and doing a noble work, we say, while all this and every thing conducing to the cultivation of the intellectual forces of the country, is truly animating to us, yet that which concerns this body most is the great question, what are the Baptists doing for the education of the youth of the land ? and especially, what are the Baptists of Alabama doing ?

In answering this question, it is very encouraging to know that the census reports of the United States, show, that we are behind no denomination in the land in exertion being put forth in this great work. The number of our institutions of learning, constantly increasing, is already the most numerous among the christian sects in this country ; and the insinuation that the Baptists are an ignorant people, is now too late for expression by at least forty years, and those who utter it only betray their own want of information. But without further attention in this report to a more extended field, let us inquire after our facilities in Alabama.

First of all we direct attention to Howard College, an institution which is just now attracting more than usual attention, that Baptist College for young men at Marion, Alabama, which has already done so much for our denomination, and for the State, and for the world ; its history is more or less familiar to the Baptists of this Association, but it is proper to invite attention to the fact, that under the direction of our State Convention, the trustees are now making a special effort for the endowment of this college ; and for that purpose they have been so fortunate as to secure the services of Dr. Nunnally, of Eufaula, as agent for this work, who is now campaigning the State in behalf of this great interest, and is meeting encouraging success.

The work which Howard College has done stands out for itself in bold relief—and we have great reason for joy and gratulation at its results ; and we cannot afford to let it languish or wane ; and that which it needs first of all, is the united support of Alabama Baptists in sending their sons to its halls. To secure this patronage the trustees have recently put in the field the Rev. B. F. Giles—one of the young men which this Association has given to the cause of Christ, who is now in the work of securing students and aiding in the work of endowment, and is soon to take his place as one of its Professors. Of Howard College we cannot think or say too much among our people, and all that Howard College has been or can be to our boys, the Judson Female Institute, at the same place, is to our girls. The buildings of the Institute and its outfit have recently undergone great improvements and additions. Among these is the erection in the music department of a very large pipe organ—an accession which can only be found in a few female colleges in the world, and in no other at the South. Every way, it is one of the very best female colleges to be found any where.

The Alabama Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa, is also worthy of the constant patronage and sympathy of our people.

We cannot close this report without mentioning our grand Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, confessedly second to none in the United States in real merit.

These institutions are our own, and they should have our constant, united and hearty support. They are worthy, and we cannot be true to ourselves if we neglect them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. D. RENFROE,
W. P. COOPER.

On motion, the body was addressed by G. A. Nunnally.

The report was adopted—and pledges made as follows for Endowment of Howard College:

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HOWARD ENDOWMENT IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS.

W. R. Sawyers.....	\$100 00	W. L. Hill.....	\$100 00
J. M. LeGrand.....	25 00	D. F. Weaver.....	25 00
W. S. Henderson.....	50 00	E. F. Crook.....	50 00
J. C. Wright.....	100 00	Geo D. Harris.....	25 00
J. J. D. Renfroe.....	125 00	A. W. Bell.....	50 00
L. A. Daniel.....	25 00	T. M. Draper.....	25 00
A. J. S. Thackerson.....	12 50	S. D. Kyser.....	50 00
Z. F. Mattison.....	25 00	Henry Jeffers.....	25 00
S. C. Kelley.....	25 00	W. P. Cooper.....	25 00
N. L. Elgin.....	25 00	V. L. Wier.....	25 00
H. J. Dean.....	25 00	R. P. Weaver.....	25 00
Total.....		\$962 50	

Adjourned to 1:30. P. M.

MONDAY, September 20th, 1886—1:30 P. M.

Association came to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by Moderator—Prayer by John H. Pope.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day; which ye shall command your children to observe to do all the words of the Law." These are among the last words spoken by Moses, the servant of God—he never failed to command his brethren to attend strictly to the religious education of the children. Be this as it may, it is a truth that none will controvert, since the experience of all is that in most instances a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. The duty of the religious training of children is everywhere impressed in the Holy Bible. The great thought which seems to have occupied the minds of the sacred writers was, that the fathers must be gathered home, and the Ecclesiastical government must of necessity devolve on the rising generation; hence the importance is

indeed magnified, that they should be properly informed in all the words of the law to enable them to do and teach the commandments of God.

Then, Brother Moderator, the subject of Sunday Schools brings up a question that, which no more important one can come before this body. Who shall fill our places when we are gone? The many seats left vacant among us in the last few years admonish us to neglect no means of providing for the continuance of our work—when we lay it down; let us not leave this to strangers, but strive to so train our children that they shall take up and carry on to still grander success in the future, the objects which have grown so dear to us in the past. We should, while they are young and easily impressed, gather them into our Sunday Schools and instill into their minds a love of religion and a desire to be useful; so that the trusts which we must hand down to them may be transmitted to their successors unimpaired.

Then, Brother Moderator, there is still another reason for greater interest and more earnest work in our Sabbath Schools. It is our duty to provide for the eternal welfare of the little ones committed to our care. If we take them while young, we can lead them whither we will, but yet a few years and the opportunity will have passed. Let us, then, be diligent and faithful, neglecting no opportunity of gathering the little ones into the fold, and training them to be workers in God's vineyard.

In that intercessory prayer of Christ, in the 17th chapter of John, for his disciples, he said, "neither pray I for these alone, but them also which shall believe on me through the Word," then let us train the children, so, that when we are gathered home, they will be left to carry on the good work.

There is no voice which has ever been uttered, either in heaven or on earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime than this prayer offered up by the Son of God himself. It leaves us looking upward and wondering whether it will be fully answered soon; for Jesus is still interceding, and before long, he is coming again, as he said he would—and will he find faith on the earth? Will he find all of us loving each other, gentle to poor people, considerate of orphans and widows, helping young men, and steadying young women, succoring the feeble and teaching the ignorant, just as Jesus did when he was here? God grant that he may.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. S. HAM, Ch'n.

Report adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Education is the development—unfolding—culture and training, of the faculties of man, physical, mental and moral. We more generally confine it to the two latter. But the fact is beginning to be recognized, that supposing mental and moral training. A machine to operate these faculties is needed—a vigorous body, as a residence for the soul. Hence the addendum of a gymnasium or military annex so common in our schools. The object, of training the faculties, is to facilitate the discovery of *truth*—truth, to be apprehended only by brain and heart combined; to find out God in nature and revelation, and of course, whatever is subordinate to this great ultimate "end and aim." These subordinate objects are of moment as ends in themselves; but then their subordination is never to be lost sight of by the intelligent christian mind.

Text books in our schools, for scientific and literary purposes, are perfected with most elaborate care; why should not the Bible, elaborated by the divine hand itself, be allowed a place among them in securing the great

end of all learning, the knowledge of God, our Creator and Redeemer, and our relations and responsibilities to Him, so intimately connected with our eternal destiny?" Why not make the Bible familiar to students in our christian schools, in the origin and history of its books, the connection of the Old and New Testaments, and the scope of the whole, as bringing out the character and offices of the Messiah? Why should Homer, with his sole lesson of the disaster growing out of discord among military chieftains; Virgil, inculcating filial piety from a heathen standpoint; Dante, teaching retribution in the twilight of a corrupt christian theology, have precedence in a College curriculum over God's revelation of his Son? Why should the incomparable literature of the Bible be ignored in the researches of philosophy and the muses? Our christian schools are claiming at the hands of thoughtful men solitudes never before demanded, in the times now upon us.

A grand effort is inaugurated to exclude the Bible entirely from the public schools of the country of every grade. The Bible will presently, perhaps, find a receptacle absolutely secure only in what we call denominational institutions.

Denominational schools must give prestige and influence to the churches to which they belong. Lutheranism, Episcopacy, Presbyterianism, hold sway over so large a portion of christendom through their great schools, Baptist influence is largely measured by the work and status of Regent's Park, Brown, Rochester, Newton Centre, and like institutions. The question of our Baptist future is, under God, to a great extent involved in the future history and relative significance of our Baptist Colleges. They are to compete with endowed State institutions, in the education of the young men of the country. The effort of the trustees of the Howard College to endow that institution, demands at once the succor of every agency the denomination can possibly invoke. And whatever aid and support can be given to the Judson Institute, and its sisters, are not less imperiously demanded, if we would train our sons and daughters for Christ and the church, and contribute our part to fill the country with representatives of the higher aims of humanity, christian culture and rational philanthropy. Let us address ourselves to the task, reassured by the blessing of God on the efforts of the past for our schools, in the last half century, have brought our pulpits, our literature, our men and women, into the very front ranks of power and influence.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. TEAGUE,
W. J. ELLIOTT,
D. B. ODEN.
Committee.

Report adopted.

W. Wilkes on the part of the Association, and G. A. Nunnally, as a member of the Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the body in the interest of this Board; and pledges and cash collections were made as follows:

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Payable October 15th, 1886. and January 1st, 1887.

	Pledges.	Cash Pd.
W. Wilkes.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00
J. S. Kelly.....	5 00	
N. Willingham.....		50
A. D. Bell.....	4 00	1 00
T. M. Draper.....		2 00
A. W. Bell.....	10 00	
Anniston Church.....	10 00	
Fort Williams.....	5 00	
G. F. Mattison.....		1 00
Jacksonville Church.....	10 00	
Syllacauga Church.....	5 00	
Hephzibah Church.....	5 00	
Weaver Station Church.....	10 00	
Coosa Valley Church.....	5 00	
Miss Lula Wilkes.....	5 00	
Mt Zion, (Calhoun County,).....	5 00	
Jas. L. Wilkes.....	5 00	
Oxford Church.....	10 00	
Cane Creek Church.....	5 00	
Munford Church.....	5 00	
Harpersville Church.....	5 00	
Oak Bowery Church.....	5 00	
Post Oak Spring Church.....	5 00	
Alpine Church.....	15 00	
Riverside, (by J. J. Deveneau).....	5 00	
Cold Water.....	4 00	1 00
Ferryville.....	5 00	
Renfro.....	5 00	
Pleasant Grove.....	10 00	
Salem.....	5 00	
L. Law.....	5 00	
W. P. Cooper.....	2 50	
D. P. Williams.....	2 50	
Blue Eye Church.....	10 00	
Total	193 00	6 50

Sum Total \$199 50

On motion of W. Wilkes,

Resolved, That we as an Association accept the pro-rata apportionment of the State Mission Board; and in accordance with said action, A. W. Bell, A. D. Bell and J. B. Davis were appointed a committee to pro-rate said amount among the churches of this Association.

The Committee on Temperance reported:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In the estimation of your committee, there is no subject of more vital importance before the christian people of our land, to-day, than the cause of temperance, and while we are divinely commanded to be "temperate in all things," yet, the use of alcoholic liquors being one of the most insidious foes to human happiness and the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ—is obvi-

ously, the main object of our attention. It is stated in a former report that "40,000 widows and 200,000 orphans are made each year" by its baneful effects, and scientists tell us, that the inherited taste for rum in the drunkard's offspring multiplies those victims annually.

But the dark picture which the liquor traffic presents, is not without some relief. Prohibition has so charged the political atmosphere with interest of late, as to challenge the admiration and support of all thinking men, and this change that has come over the minds of the people, we believe is not to be thwarted by any sophistry of interested partisans or politicians therefore be it

Resolved, That while we repudiate all connection with any political party or movement, yet as a body of christian men, we put ourselves on record as deeming it a subject for legislation, and pledge our energies and resources to the support of any movement leading to the accomplishment of that end.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WORRELL,
J. W. WELCH,
J. L. WILKES,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Tuesday.

TUESDAY, Sept. 21st, 1886—9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Prayer by C. W. O'Hara, of Shelby Association. Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion, of T. P. Gwin,

Resolved, That when this body adjourn, the next Association shall convene at Refuge Church, in Talladega county, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1887. Adopted.

On motion of L. Law :

Resolved, That all moneys emanating from this body for any purposes fostered by us as an Association, shall be paid over to the Treasurer, and by him disbursed as designated in the contributions.

On motion of G. S. Ham :

Resolved 1, That the Clerk be allowed twenty dollars for his services, and that he is hereby instructed to have one thousand copies of the minutes printed at the office of the Alabama Baptist.

2, That he is hereby instructed to have printed on front pages of the minutes the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Programme of Business.

3, That he furnish the printer a list of the churches composing this Association, the name and post office of the Clerk of each, and deposit with the printer money sufficient to pre-pay postage on each package of minutes, and request him to send them by mail to the Clerks as soon as practicable. Also, churches be requested in their letters to give names and post office of ordained and licensed ministers. Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Bible and Colportage work reported:
BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that from all we can gather, this enterprise is dead! Truly a great work has fallen in Israel. We recommend that it be embalmed in the affections of the Baptists in Alabama, until the Master shall come to our aid by enlarging our hearts and untying our purse strings. The fatal disease which brought death to this great interest was a sort of indescribable per centage, which accumulated on the price of books as they passed on from publishers' prices to the colporteurs' sales. In short, the books are too dear when offered to the people. In this matter we blame no body, nor praise any body. We might suggest some remedies, but forbear. We commend the whole matter to the favorable consideration of the State Board and the Baptists of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WILKES, Ch'n.

Report adopted.

Special Committee on Programme for next session, consisting of W. Wilkes, A. M. Bell and J. C. Wright, was appointed to report ere the Association adjourn.

On motion, (name of mover of resolution not signed):

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report at the next session on "Evangelization of the Colored People," and that during the coming Associational year pastors be requested to give them all the attention they can.

Adopted; and in accordance therewith, a committee of three, consisting of G. D. Harris, James Crook and Wm. P. Cooper, was appointed.

Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported:

A. W. BELL, Ch'n of Board Trustees I. M. Fund,
In acc't with Coosa River Association.
Dr.

1885			
Sept. 23	To am't secured by real estate.....	\$1962 26	
	To cash on hand as per report.....	165 82	
1886			
Sept. 2	To cash from Jas. Emly, interest on note...	8 00	
Sept. 14	To cash from rents interests on the 1962 26.	156 98	\$2293 06
1885			
Dec. 9	By am't appropriated Mrs. W. C. Mynott...	25 00	
1886			
Jan. 1	By am't appropriated Wm. McCain.....	25 00	
Sept. 20	By am't secured by real estate.....	1962 26	
Sept. 20	By am't cash on hand	280 80	\$2293 06

Sept. 21, 1886.

A. M. BELL, Ch'n.

Adopted; and said Board instructed to collect the outstanding notes due this Fund.

On motion of Sam'l W. Welch,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the pastors of the respective churches of this Association, whose business it shall be to look up such parties as are entitled to the benefit of the Indigent Ministers' Fund, and ascertain the amount that will meet their necessities; and send a recommendation and application to the Treasurer of said Fund, who is hereby instructed to send the pro-rata share of said applicant to said committee (and to no other) for disbursement. Adopted.

G. A. Joiner, Chairman Executive Committee, reported as follows:

1ST. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT.

P. G. Stringer, the former Treasurer of the Executive Committee was due the Association \$157.60, less \$20 paid by C. W. Stringer; leaving a balance of \$137.60. C. W. Stringer says he will assume and pay this amount, and will continue to honor checks as the funds are appropriated until the amount is paid.

2ND FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF G. A. JOINER.

G. A. JOINER, Ch'n Executive Committee,

In account with Coosa River Association.

1886

DR.

Jan. 1.	To cash received of Treasurer.....	\$ 21 16
	To cash received of C. W. Stringer.....	15 00
	To cash received of C. W. Stringer.....	5 00—41 16

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By amount paid Rev. Mr. Garrett for Missionary labors with Pilgrim's Rest and Rocky Mount Churchs.....	20 00
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Sep. 16.	To cash on hand.....	\$21 16
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G. A. JOINER,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Finance Committee reported:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

CHURCHES.

	State Missions....	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Mis- sions.	Indigent Ministers Fund.	Ministerial Educa- tion.	Bible and Colpor- tage.	Minutes.	Total.
Cold Water.....	10 00	10 00						3 00	23 00
Sulphur Springs.....	2 60	60						1 60	4 60
Antioch.....	5 00	5 00	5 00					1 75	1 75
Salem.....			5 00		5 00			2 15	22 15
Oxford.....								5 00	5 00
Jacksonville.....		6 00	6 00					5 00	5 00
Post Oak Spring.....								2 50	14 50
Mt. Zion (Calhoun county).	6 75	6 25	12 50		5 00			2 50	9 50
Oak Bower.....			3 80					3 00	33 00
Cane Creek.....	25	6 00	5 00					2 40	6 20
Munford.....	4 60		4 00			3 60		1 00	12 25
Weaver's Station.....	2 50	2 50						3 00	15 20
Aniston.....								2 50	7 50
Blue Eye.....	5 00	5 00	5 00					5 00	5 00
Talladega.....								2 50	17 50
Ferryville.....								3 00	3 00
Reluge.....	1 00	13 50	13 50					2 50	3 00
Pleasant Grove.....			*10 00					1 50	1 50
Alpine.....			5 00	\$21 85				2 00	30 00
Hephzibah.....	5 00	5 00	5 00			5 00		1 50	33 35
Pilgrim's Rest.....			2 00					1 50	26 50
Fort Williams.....						6 00		1 50	9 50

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer, in account with Coosa River Association.

Sep. 1886	To cash from Finance Com. for minutes.....	\$ 62 35
	To cash rec'd after adjournment for minutes.....	2 50
	To cash from Finance Com. for State Miss.....	67 35
	To cash from Finance Com. for For. Miss.....	105 30
	To cash from Finance Com. for Home Miss.....	70 45
	To cash from Finance Com. for Bible and Col- portage work.....	2 50
	To cash from Finance Com. for Ministerial Edu- cation.....	15 50
	To cash rec'd since for Ministerial Education.....	34 50
	To cash received from Clerk, surplus minute fund	11 00
	To cash received from W. A. Welch, on due bill of Jenkins fund.....	47 16
	Total.....	\$418 61

CR.

By cash paid L. Law, Clerk, as per voucher \$ 62 35	
By cash paid T. M. Bailey, Sec. Mission Board as per voucher.....	\$245 15
By cash paid T. L. Hudgins, Sec. Mins. Education.....	35 45
By cash paid G. A. Joiner, Ch'n Jenkins fund, voucher.....	21 16
By cash minute fund on hand.....	13 35
By Ministerial Educational fund on hand..	12 45
By Jenkins fund on hand.....	26 00
By cash Colportage fund on hand.....	2 50
Total.....	418 61

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer.

Sept. 1886.

Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Com-
mittees to report at next Session of the Association :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On State Missions—Jno. H. Pope, L. F. Williams and A.
J. Cross.

On Home Missions—J. C. Wright, J. L. Jenkins and M.
H. Hansard.

On Foreign Missions—W. W. Kidd, J. B. Fiquet and J.
F. Pope.

On Ministerial Education—W. Wilkes, L. Law and J. M.
Sherrill.

On Education, (Male and Female)—S. W. Welch, J. W. Bishop and T. W. Ayers.

On Colportage and Bible Work—W. S. Griffin, B. F. Mul-len and W. A. Hawkins.

On Sabbath Schools—L. T. Grogan, L. A. Daniel and D. F. Weaver.

On Temperance—E. T. Smyth, G. S. Ham and T. P. Givin.

On Family Religion—T. K. Trotter, W. F. McCain and W. Y. Browning.

On Evangelization of Colored People—Geo. D. Harris, Jas. Crook and W. P. Cooper.

(These Committees are requested by the Clerk to observe the following suggestions:

1st. Write the Report with ink, BEFORE the Association convenes.

2nd. Write on one side only of the paper.

3rd. Use writing paper of good body; not blank leaves of books, or merchant's wrapping paper.

4th. Avoid hieroglyphics and other literary antiquities; that is, write legibly.)

Geo. D. Harris, was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon for next meeting of the Association. W. Wilkes, alternate.

On motion of (name of mover not signed).

Resolved 1. That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the citizens of Weaver Station and vicinity for the generous and cordial hospitality, with which they have entertained the messengers and visitors of this Association.

Resolved 2. That the thanks of this Association be tendered to our Methodist Brethren for the use of their house of worship; and to the officers of E. T. Va. & Ga. R. R., and Ga. Pacific R. R., for reduced rates of fare to the messengers and visitors attending the Association.

Adopted.

Pro-rating Committee reported:

REPORT ON PRO-RATING.

We the Committee appointed to pro-rate the amount of Eleven Hundred Dollars among the churches composing this Association—as suggested and asked for by the State Mission Board, during the associational year, for

general purposes, respectfully submit the following, as being the nearest and most equitable amounts we can suggest :

Cold Water.....	\$ 30 00	Sulphur Springs.....	\$ 25 00
Antioch.....	20 00	Salem.....	25 00
Oxford.....	100 00	Jacksonville.....	60 00
Post Oak Springs.....	40 00	Mt. Zion (Calhoun Co.)..	60 00
Oak Bowery.....	40 00	Cane Creek.....	20 00
Munford.....	20 00	Weaver Station.....	30 00
Anniston.....	35 00	Blue Eye.....	40 00
Talladega.....	100 00	Ferryville.....	20 00
Refuge.....	25 00	Pleasant Grove.....	30 00
Alpine.....	120 00	Hephzibah.....	25 00
Pilgrims Rest.....	5 00	Fort Williams.....	30 00
Tallassahatchie.....	20 00	Childersburg.....	20 00
Mt. Zion (Talladega Co.)..	25 00	Mt. Sharon.....	10 00
Rocky Mount.....	5 00	Winterboro.....	25 00
Harpersville.....	45 00	Spring Creek.....	15 00
Wilsonville.....	25 00	Macedonia.....	25 00
Coosa Valley.....	35 00	Ironaton.....	5 00
Renfroe.....	5 00		
Total.....			\$1,170 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. BELL,
A. D. BELL,
JNO. B. DAVIS.

Adopted.

The Executive Committee of the Association, and the Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund, were continued by the re-appointment of the same members.

The Committee on Programme for next session reported. See front pages of Minutes.

The Association then adjourned *sine die*, with singing a hymn, giving the parting hand, and prayer by W. Wilkes, to meet with the Refuge Church, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, A. D. 1887.

ABNER WILLIAMS, Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

At Baptist Church, Saturday, 7 P. M., C. W. O'Hara.
At Baptist Church, Sabbath, 11 A. M., J. J. D. Renfroe.
At Baptist Church, Sabbath, 2 P. M., W. B. Crumpton.
At Methodist Church Sabbath, 11 A. M., G. A. Nunnally.
At Methodist Church, Sabbath, 2 P. M., W. Wilkes.
At Baptist Church, Sabbath, 7 P. M., Geo. D. Harris.
At Methodist Church, Monday, 11 A. M., W. J. Elliott.
At Baptist Church, Monday, 7 P. M., J. C. Wright.



ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS, 1886.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE OF CHURCH CLERK.	COUNTY.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total Membership	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Minutes.	Indigent Ministers' Fund.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Cold Water.	T. P. Gwin.	W. H. Grogan.	Martha Dell.	Calhoun.	30	5	8	1	1	160	10 00	10 00				3 00				23 00
Sulphur Springs.	T. K. Trotter.	A. H. Griffin.	Bruner	"	10	7	10	3	1	180	2 50	60				1 50				4 00
Antioch.	J. C. Wright	G. W. Manning	Oxford	"	4	1	6	1	1	69						1 75				1 75
Salem.	T. K. Trotter.	T. W. Ogletree.	Eastaboga.	Talladega	10	4	4	1	1	94	5 00	5 00	5 00			2 15		5 00		22 15
Oxford.	J. C. Wright	T. M. Draper.	Oxford	"	3	14	2			179	52 35	46 50	35 25			5 00		*12 05		151 15
Jacksonville.	M. H. Lane.	P. D. Ross.	Jacksonville.	"	17	13	3	1	3	91		16 00	16 00			2 50				34 50
Post Oak Springs.	T. P. Gwin.	B. G. McClelen.	Alexandria.	"	12	7	7	3	2	198						2 50				2 50
Mt. Zion.	Geo. D. Harris	W. P. Cooper.	"	"	31	18	10	1	1	167	23 60	6 25	12 50			2 50	5 00			49 85
Oak Bower.	Geo. D. Harris	L. C. Coker.	Beasley	"	4	2	3	9	1	209			3 80			2 40				6 20
Cane Cree.	Wm. F. McCain.	E. M. Reid.	Morrisville.	"						250	65	10 80	8 80			1 00				21 25
Munford.	T. P. Gwin.	B. W. Mattison.	Munford.	Talladega			1	3		28	70	4 00	2 50			3 00			3 60	15 20
Weaver Station.	T. P. Gwin.	T. L. Weaver.	Weaver Station.	Calhoun.	7	5	5			170		2 50				2 50	8 50			16 00
Anniston.	E. T. Smyth	S. D. Sawyer.	Anniston	"	50	30	8	5	4	186	34 00	10 00	10 00			5 00				59 00
Blue Eye.	T. K. Trotter	Jno. L. Law.	Lincoln.	Talladega	14	10	5	1	1	132	14 18	14 18	14 18			2 50				43 04
Talladega.	J. J. D. Renfroe.	S. P. Burns.	Talladega	"	4	7	17	1	1	181	40 00	12 00	20 85			3 00			45	76 30
Ferryville.	J. S. E. Robinson.	T. J. Klugro	Seddon.	St. Clair	16	3	1	1	1	124						2 50				2 50
Refuge.	W. F. McCain	J. B. Hall	Lincoln.	Talladega	14	2	1	1	1	150	8 33	8 33	3 33			1 50				26 50
Pleasant Grove.	J. A. Scott.	F. E. Ogletree.	Eureka	"	7	7	1	1	1	88	1 00	13 50	13 50			2 00				30 00
Alpine.	M. H. Lane.	W. R. Thompson.	Alpine	"		9	3			91		190 85	10 00	21 85		1 50				229 20
Hephzibah.	W. S. Griffin.	E. Haygood.	Renfroe	"	17	7	3	1	2	144	5 00	5 00	5 00			1 50	5 00	5 00		26 50
Pilgrim's Rest.	J. Garrett	J. M. Burks.	Renfroe	"						102						1 50			6 00	9 50
Fort Williams.	W. Wilkes.	M. S. Bennett.	Fayetteville.	"	5	6	6			1	76	4 50	2 15			2 50			6 45	14 60
Tallassahatchie.	Catt Smith.	J. C. McMillan	Sycamore	"						68		5 00	5 00			1 40				18 40
Childersburg.	Catt Smith.	F. Moss	Childersburg.	"	19	10	3			71		3 00	3 00			1 50			3 00	10 50
Mt. Zion.	S. Henderson	H. G. Darby	Sylacauga.	"	5	5	12			85	5 00					1 50				2 50
Mt. Shann.	G. M. Lowry.	H. J. Coleman.	Fayetteville.	"	10	10	3			71						1 50				11 50
Rocky Mount.	J. Garrett.	A. K. Jordan	Bledsoe.	"	8	1	4	2	1	47	1 00					2 00				44 05
Winterboro.	W. S. Griffin	W. A. Morris.	Alpine.	"	13	9	6	1	1	99		*10 00	10 00	7 00		2 00			7 00	22 15
Harpersville.	E. B. Teague	W. H. Kidd.	Harpersville.	Shelby	13	10	3			115	18 05	5 00	5 00			2 15			5 00	11 50
Spring Creek.	W. W. Kidd	H. R. Singleton.	Wilsonville	"	17	4	3	1	4	59						2 00			8 00	2 00
Wilsonville.	E. B. Teague	H. H. Stoddennire	Hot Spur	"	12	4	10	1	2	2						2 50				1 00
Macedon.	W. Wilkes	D. C. Davis.	Cropwell.	St. Clair	13	3	1	2	2	196	3 30	3 35	3 35			1 00				17 50
Coosa Valley.	J. S. E. Robinson.	D. K. Collins.	Ironaton.	"	7	4	4			21		1 30				1 00				1 00
Ironaton.	J. H. Pope	D. W. Shaddock.	Renfroe.	Talladega	3	1				28		10 00	10 00	11 60		1 00				31 60
Renfroe.	F. G. Mullen.	H. Brown.	Renfroe.	"																19 55
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Total					349	233	173	34	21	35	3686	\$ 250 56	\$ 407 31	\$ 206 16	\$ 21 85	\$ 72 85	\$ 13 50	\$ 17 05	\$ 79 05	\$ 1068 33

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The above Exhibit, though not fully showing the financial work of the churches, such as expenditures for building and repairing church houses, local charities, amount expended for Sabbath School work, and compensation to pastors and evangelists, nevertheless, shows a gratifying increase in several respects. Increase in baptisms, 27.2-5ths per cent.; increase in membership, 12½ per cent.; increase in contributions, 77 per cent.

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